

Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy and warm today, with high in lower 80s. Tomorrow continued warm with some clouds.

Temperatures Yesterday.
Noon 66 6 p.m. 74 11 p.m. 64
2 p.m. 73 8 p.m. 70 Midnight 64
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Jews Battle to Seal Off Haifa; Arab Thousands Fleeing City; Truce Aids Women, Children

Haganah Presses Drive Along Road To Nazareth

U. S. SIMPLIFIES PLAN to Win U. N. to Palestine Trusteeship Page A-8.

By the Associated Press
JERUSALEM, April 24.—Jewish militia fought today to take possession of a buffer area to seal off their greatest prize, the port city of Haifa.

While thousands of weary Arabs streamed from the city which was captured by Jews in a spectacular battle Thursday, Haganah guns blazed out at Balad Esh Sheikh and nearby Tira, two villages about five miles east of the big port. The Arab villages are on the road to Nazareth and Tiberias, a city on the Sea of Galilee from which the Arabs also have been driven by the Jews.

The British said the Arabs asked for a truce at dawn after an all-night fight and agreed to surrender their arms. When only 22 rifles were turned in, however, the Jews delivered a new ultimatum for the delivery of all guns and the fighting was renewed. The latest reports said the British had arranged a temporary truce for the evacuation of women and children from the villages.

Jews Oppose Evacuation.

Dispatches from Haifa said the Jews were trying to prevent the evacuation of the 37,000 Arabs remaining in the city. The Jews considered the evacuation a political rebuff, and wanted them to remain to demonstrate that Arabs and Jews can live side by side. They offered the Arabs co-operation in solving food and supply problems.

Arab leaders replied to Jewish persuasions, however, that they could not "subject ourselves to conquerors."

Indications were that most of the Arabs would leave the city as a silent protest against the Jewish blitz of the parts of the town not controlled by the British.

The Arabs believed their withdrawal would prevent the British-owned oil refinery in the port area from operating. The refinery has been closed for two weeks and the gasoline shortage is acute. The refinery management said it would not reopen unless both Arab and Jewish laborers returned to work.

Arabs in the city were under a Jewish curfew, virtual house arrest. Hagana said five field guns, mortars and other arms had been found in an inch-by-inch search of Arab quarters.

Arabs Won't Enforce Terms.

Arab civilian leaders ordered the evacuation because they were unwilling to attempt to enforce Jewish terms for surrender of arms upon armed Arab volunteers. The city of 130,000 is about half Arab.

The Arab population was being moved across the bay to Acre by British army landing craft and small boats, and plans were being made to move other thousands by British army trucks overland to Nazareth, neighboring Lebanon and Nablus in the Arab's so-called "triangle of strength" in Central Palestine.

The evacuation was being carried out at the time Jews observe the passover in commemoration of their own exodus from Egypt, and from docks where the British customarily deported intercepted Jewish immigrants to Cyprus.

Thousands huddled in refugee camps without food.

Elsewhere nine Arabs, five Jews and a British policeman were killed in continuing violence today.

Jews Fail to Take 3 Towns.

The British reported that the Jews were unsuccessful in yesterday's attempt to capture three Arab villages, Beit Ikka, Biddu, and Nebi Samuel on the northwestern outskirts of Jerusalem and nearly 20 miles from the operation. Nearly every house in Beit Ikka was leveled by Jewish explosives.

After heavy firing in the border land of Arab Jaffa and Jewish Tel Aviv on the coast last night, Hagana reported it had moved out of its strongholds into Arab territory.

This holy city is girding for war. The 150,000 Jews and Arabs here believe chances for a truce are dim. Both claim the city for their capital. (See PALESTINE, Page A-8.)

Greek Ships Bombard Force of 2,500 Rebels

By the Associated Press
ATHENS, April 24.—Guns of the Greek navy were bombarding a force of 2,500 guerrillas in the south central area of Greece not far from the Gulf of Corinth, a general staff communiqué said today.

The naval units joined the army and air force to make it a three-pronged attack on the Communist guerrillas.

The communiqué gave no details of the naval attack, but a frontline correspondent for the newspaper Ethnos said he saw the destroyers Themistocles and Hastings in the Gulf of Corinth and shells into guerrilla positions west of Lidorki, on the western wing of a front extending to Agrappa, 60 miles to the northeast.

A press report said 1,500 guerrillas were under attack on Mount Vardousia, one of four strategic heights held by the Communist-led fighters.

A qualified source said 450 guerrillas have been killed thus far in the spring offensive launched by three Greek divisions in this area.

The Ethnos correspondent said Greek air force planes aided the naval bombardment by making strafing runs.

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Commerce Department Refuses To Give Condon Data to House

Letter Refers Question to Truman; Not 'Last Word,' Martin Declares

By the Associated Press
The Commerce Department formally refused yesterday to hand over to the House an FBI loyalty report on Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the National Bureau of Standards.

House Speaker Martin thereupon declared: "The last word hasn't been spoken."

He said the House now can try legislation to get the desired information.

In a resolution adopted Thursday by a 300 to 29 vote, the House had demanded that the FBI report on Dr. Condon be sent to it.

A subcommittee of the House Commerce on Un-American Activities has called Dr. Condon the weakest link in the Nation's atomic security, and accused him of association with Russian spies, charges which he has denied. He also has been cleared by the Commerce Department Loyalty Board.

The FBI report on Dr. Condon has been sought by the Un-American Activities Committee, but President Truman has told all Government agencies they must keep secret their files on investigations of employees' loyalty.

National security demands that the President said.

Should the House now try further legislation to get the wanted documents, Speaker Martin predicted it would "breeze through."

A bill authorizing any congressional committee to obtain from Government agencies whatever information it considers necessary already has been approved by the House Expenditures Committee.

But the Senate also would have to act on it, and it might encounter a presidential veto even if the Senate went along.

William C. Foster, acting Secretary of Commerce, sent a letter to John Andrews, clerk of the House yesterday "respectfully" refusing the loyalty report on Dr. Condon, and (See CONDON, Page A-4.)

Italy Plans to Disarm All Private Armies, Including Communists

Interior Minister Warns Of Need for Vigilance Despite Election Victory

By the Associated Press
ROME, April 24.—Interior Minister Mario Scelba said today that the Italian government intends to move vigorously to disarm and put down private armies such as the Communists' Garibaldi brigades.

He declared Italy must be vigilant against any possible Communist violence despite the severe setback the Communist-dominated Popular Front received in the parliamentary election last Sunday and Monday.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Christian Democrats won the election.

Mr. Scelba's warning came as the national police force jailed alleged Communist agitators in both Northern and Southern Italy. A dispatch from the Communist stronghold of Modena said police there had received word of armed formations in the nearby Apennine Mountains.

Cites 8,000,000 Red Voters.

In an interview with a Swiss newspaper correspondent, Mr. Scelba, who heads the nation's police forces, said:

"When you have in the house as many Communists as we do (8,000,000 of 26,000,000 voted for the Popular Front), you cannot ever be safe."

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against all attempts at violence. I think, then, that it is necessary to remain constantly alert."

Vice Premier Rinaldo Ossola, who shared with Mr. Scelba the responsibility of seeing that the election was won, expressed the belief yesterday that the peril of an uprising was past.

Mr. Scelba, less optimistic, said: "I am still convinced that if a favorable occasion turned up the Communists would not fail to take advantage of it, and that they would."

Italian Red Wins \$100,000 Lottery on Deputy Elections

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Reds in Germany Killing Priests, Layman Charges

By the Associated Press
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 24.—A Catholic lay leader charged today that 50 per cent of all priests in the Soviet zone of Germany have been put to death.

The leader, John M. Haffert of New York, lay director of the Scapular Militia, added that in Czechoslovakia 1,400 Ursuline nuns are performing forced labor in salt mines.

U. S. to Continue Using Berlin Air Lane, Clay Says

Will Abide by Pact Between 4 Powers, He Declares

By the Associated Press
BERLIN, April 24.—Gen. Lucius D. Clay gave notice today that the United States will continue to use the air corridor between Berlin and the western occupation zones.

The American commander expressed United States policy following reports the Russians plan to restrict air travel of the Western Allies with new "safety" regulations.

He told a news conference: "We will abide by the quadripartite (four power) agreements which set up the air corridor and we will continue use of the air corridor." He repeated this statement, as if for emphasis.

No Formal Proposals Made.

Gen. Clay reported the Russians have made no formal proposals to set up the restrictions. Such a program has been officially recommended to the Russian military governor by a Soviet commission.

He said four-power agreement prohibits formation flying or military maneuvers in the air corridors but, "when the time comes that you have to use fighter escort, I don't think you'll worry about that very much."

Clay said the Russians have made no move to hold talks they had proposed for clarifying their restrictions on land travel to Berlin. Asked if he thought a reasonable solution could be reached on this question, he replied:

"Reasonable people can sit across a table and develop a reasonable solution, but I can't see much prospect on this."

No Pressure to Leave.

He said no pressure is being put on American dependents to leave Berlin or Germany because of the strained political situation here, he added.

"Anybody who feels isolated and nervous over here ought to go home. Personally, I'd just as soon not have nervous people around. I don't feel isolated."

It was reported by Stars and Stripes in Frankfurt today that more than half the families of American airmen in Europe answered yes when asked if they wanted to fly home at Government expense. The Army newspaper said between 3,500 and 1,600 of the Air Force's 2,800 family units will be flown home as soon as planes are available.

Gen. Clay said 43 families representing 72 dependents in Berlin.

Reds Purge Border Police.

The American-licensed press reported the Russians are purging their zonal border police of all but "trusted Communists." A Dana news agency dispatch said approximately 30 per cent of the 7,000 German police who guard the Russian zone's border with the west, had deserted.

The Russians today released 20 of the German barges which they had held up at Wittenberg. The skippers were told, however, that they could not return from the British zone until they got new international permits, but they were not told where or how they could get them.

The British said their suspension of inland water traffic through the Soviet zone will remain in force until the situation is clarified. All the released barges were bound for Hamburg.

\$60,000 Alexandria Fire Destroys Building Supplies

A large quonset hut on Duke Street extended Alexandria, which was hit by a fire last night, causing damage estimated at approximately \$60,000.

The building was one of six used as warehouses by the Fruit Growers Express Co. The damage estimate was given by a company spokesman who recalled that a similar fire in boxcars in April, 1947, resulted in a \$300,000 loss.

Two firemen from the Penn Daw Fire Department were slightly injured when particles of rock wool got in their eyes. The firemen, Till Brown and Joseph Baker, were treated at Alexandria Hospital and released.

Also responding to the two-hour blaze were firemen from Alexandria, Franco and Mount Vernon at well as the company's own fire units.

Although insulating materials normally are fireproof, firemen explained, intense heat may ignite them.

Second Action Is Due.

An hour before the House meets, an Armed Services subcommittee which has been considering another margin bill is expected to report it out. This bill would end the present prohibition on use of margarine by the Army, Navy and Air Force. The measure, however, will go through the normal procedure of reaching the House floor and will not be voted on for some time, even assuming it can hurdle the House Rules Committee.

Its approval tomorrow, however, is expected.

warfare effort to produce the atomic bomb, since the measurements are made possible by the use of the nuclear chain reactor to produce the neutrons.

Dr. Anderson and Novik measured the magnetic power of the atomic nuclei of hydrogen and helium, both in the unusual atomic weights of three.

Both protons and neutrons have in many respects like small magnets. Their magnetic strengths have been determined with accuracy.

Under normal conditions, the total magnetic strength of a system should be equal to the algebraic sum of its individual parts. However, Dr. Anderson and Novik found that in hydrogen 3 and helium 3 the magnetic strength was about 10 per cent greater than it should be.

This indicated there was something in addition to the magnetic system. They concluded the "something in addition" was an exchange current flowing clockwise in one nucleus and counter-clockwise in the other, as the protons and neutrons change their identity.



Maher to Head 7-Man Board To Rule on Loyalty Check Need In 21 States; District Waits on Congress

House May Vote on Bill Tomorrow; Confusion Due Over Timetables

By the Associated Press
WASHINGTON, April 24.—Daniel B. Maher, District Government's trouble-shooter, will be named chairman of a seven-member committee to decide whether a loyalty check of city employees is necessary and how it shall be conducted, it was learned last night.

Mr. Maher, No. 3 man of the city's law department, has been selected by Corporation Counsel Vernon West, it was learned, and his appointment will be announced early this week.

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Operators Claim Coal Fund Allows But \$50 Pension

Contention Is Based On Report of Actuaries In Firm Lewis Hired

By James Y. Newton
Soft coal operators, girding for renewal of the battle with John L. Lewis over pensions for miners, declared last night the United Mine Workers welfare fund will support pensions of only \$50 a month for men 65 or older.

The operators disclosed the final results of a study of the pension problem made by a firm of actuarial experts. As Mr. Lewis prepared to put into effect the Bridges plan, calling for \$100 monthly pensions for miners 62 or older.

Mr. Lewis had called a meeting of welfare fund trustees for 4:30 p.m. tomorrow, presumably to make arrangements to begin the \$100-a-month payments provided in the settlement worked out by Senator Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire. Senator Bridges is the neutral member of the trustees board, and Ezra Van Horn represents the operators.

Court Asked to Void Plan.

Mr. Van Horn last week asked District Court to void the Bridges plan and to hold its author and Mr. Lewis "personally liable" for any expenditures from the welfare fund until his injunction request can be heard. He charged that the plan, pushed through a trustees meeting over his objections, violates the Taft-Hartley Act in several respects and would bankrupt the fund.

The final report of the actuarial experts shows that the present welfare fund, supported by payment of 10 cents per ton on all coal produced, would fall far short of taking care of the Bridges plan. It was made by the same firm Mr. Lewis hired to make preliminary study last fall.

The study allows for pensions for the miners employed by the coal firms contributing to the welfare fund—those companies who signed the present contract with Mr. Lewis. Mr. Van Horn estimates the total number of employees at \$300,000 and the number 65 or over who are still working at 7,500. The 10 cents per ton "royalty" will bring in about \$500,000 a year.

\$35,000,000 for Pensions.

A total of \$35,000,000 would be put into the pension fund each year, leaving the rest for payment of death, disability and sick benefits, hospitalization and medical care for the miners, which is also called for in the industry contract with Mr. Lewis.

First-year cost of \$50 monthly pensions to the miners 65 or older would add \$4,500,000 to the cost, rise rapidly in succeeding years to a peak of \$48,440,000 a year.

The balance from the early low-cost years would be placed in a reserve fund, which the experts said by 1972 would total \$500,000,000. Interest from the reserve would make up the annual contributions of \$35,000,000, would support the \$50 pensions from then on.

The experts placed the minimum cost of the contract benefits other than pensions at about \$14,500,000 a year. However, a pension is made in that figure for payments to miners' dependents, or for payment of a death benefit after the miner has retired.

Benefits Included.

That figure would include these benefits: Payment of \$1,000 for death before retirement; \$20 weekly accident or sickness payments for a maximum of 26 weeks; hospitalization, \$5 a day for 31 days; \$50 to cover other hospital expenses, and surgical expense up to \$150.

There was no estimate from the experts as to the cost of the Bridges plan, but the operators claimed that the cost of the plan would be \$150 a month for each miner, or \$1,800 a year.

Their figures show that 19,500 of the men now working for contributors to the fund are 62 or older, compared with the 7,500 figure used by the actuaries. Then the Bridges plan would cover all miners who have retired since May 28, 1946, adding several thousand others to the list. Apparently, the Bridges plan would also include the old among the estimated 40,000 UMW members, including the 10 recently discharged, who are not contributing to the fund.

The operators claim they are also obligated to provide pensions for the old among some 35,000 foremen, supervisors and "straw bosses" who, under the Taft-Hartley Act, are exempt from the contract with the UMW. This has been called to their attention.

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3 Die in Alberta Flood

EDMONTON, Alberta, April 24 (AP)—Two children and a woman drowned in swollen creeks in the northern section of Alberta Province, Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters reported today. The deaths brought the province flood toll figure to six.

precinct station and what happened gradually became clearer.

It started quietly at St. Stephen's Church at 10 a.m. when Miss Catherine Sullivan of 1622 Thirty-fourth street N.W. and James A. Manning, Jr., were married. Mr. Manning lives at 101 Seventh street S.E.

The reception began at noon at the American Legion Club. By 4:30 p.m., the police were told, an argument began in the basement bar of the club.

When Mr. Mac tried to intervene, he was hit over the head with a ginger ale bottle. He told police the bottle was wielded by the bridegroom.

Mr. Burdis said he attempted to interfere on Mr. Mac's side and got a wallop with a broken bottle for his trouble.

Police said at one point a guest was chased up to the second floor, but jumped out the window.

The battle with the photographers began in front of the club as Mr. Mac was being carried to the ambulance. Henry Roland of the post was near the ambulance door. Several women grabbed him and tried to keep him from going.

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Wedding Party Turns to Brawl; Bridegroom and Best Man Held

By Coit Hendley, Jr.
The bridegroom, the best man and a big batch of the Manning-Sullivan wedding party ended up in a police station yesterday after the reception at the American Legion Club turned into a free-for-all fight.

A call over the police radio—"They're fighting with sabers"—sent five scout cars, two patrol wagons and two ambulances to the club 2437 Fifteenth street N.W. Before it was over more than 25 policemen were present.

They found confusion, but no saber battle.